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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 17, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 1 and 22 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of operating in a CSMA network in which a plurality of peer devices communicate over a medium, comprising:

having a first device, which can be any of the plurality of peer devices, exchange messages with a second device, which can be any other of the plurality of peer devices, over the medium using a CSMA contention-oriented service to establish a session of contention-free intervals within the CSMA contention-oriented service for use by the first device and the second device for contention-free traffic between the devices, and

having the first device determine when transmissions can occur on the medium during the contention-free intervals based on the exchanged messages.

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